

General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. **5227**

File No. 102

Cal. No. 73

"AN ACT PROHIBITING PENALTY FEES IN CERTAIN CONSUMER CONTRACTS."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 42-110aa of the general statutes is
- 4 amended as follows (*Effective January 1, 2011*):
- 5 (e) Any violation of the provisions of <u>subdivision (1) of</u> subsection
- 6 (a) of this section shall constitute an unfair trade practice for purposes
- 7 of section 42-110b. Any person who violates the provisions of
- 8 <u>subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a civil</u>
- 9 penalty of five hundred dollars for a first offense, one thousand dollars
- 10 for a second offense and fifteen hundred dollars for a third or greater
- 11 offense. It shall be an affirmative defense to any action brought
- 12 pursuant to this subsection if the person engaged in trade or commerce
- 13 <u>in this state has conspicuously posted his or her return refund or</u>
- 14 <u>exchange policy.</u>"